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Filed:	July 28, 2003	Examiner:	Wilkins III, Harry D.
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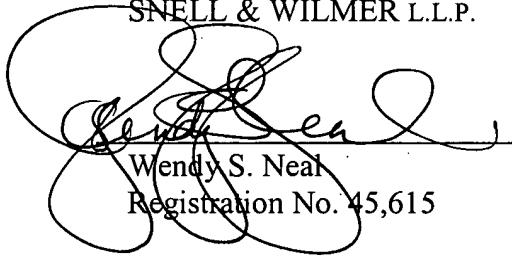
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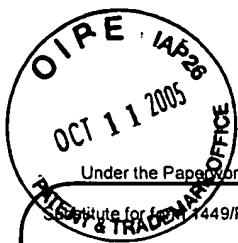
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